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*a great place to live, work, and play***BARRINGTON****Village Report****WE'VE GOT A NEW LOOK!**

In order to provide better communication to our residents, we've redesigned our newsletter. Be assured that we're producing this new and improved version without increasing printing costs over our old newsletter! In May you'll also be seeing a completely new, redesigned and more user-friendly Village web site as well as community banners to complement our fresh, new look.

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Don't miss the next
Town Hall Meeting
on
May 20, 7:00pm
Refreshments will be served.

**President Darch Gives State of the Village Speech**

On March 15, Village of Barrington President Karen Darch gave her annual "State of the Village" speech to the Village Board, staff, and local residents. In the speech, she touched on the following points, among others:

- 30 new businesses opened in the Village in 2009
- The Village continued to confront declining revenues by making budget cuts this year
- The Village received an upgrade in its bond rating for 2009 to AA+
- Barrington has begun planning for its Sesquicentennial in 2015
- The Village has proclaimed 2010 "The Year of Employment in Barrington"

The complete text of President Darch's speech will be in your next water bill, or you may go to www.barrington-il.gov.



Looking forward to spring in Barrington!

McGonigal's Pub Is Now Open!

St. Patrick's Day has never been this fun in downtown Barrington! On March 12, the new McGonigal's Pub opened at 105 S. Cook Street in the old Wolf Camera building.

McGonigal's Pub, owned by local resident Bryan McGonigal, is a traditional Irish pub and restaurant featuring many imported Irish beers and live music. Stop by just to see the inside — the pub was custom built with details that include custom



On Friday, March 12, the ribbon was cut to open the much-anticipated McGonigal's Pub on South Cook Street in the Village Center — just in time for St. Patrick's Day.

woodwork and handpainted décor and trim. The Pub occupies two levels and features a handpainted elevator.

"We were so excited for our grand opening," said Bryan McGonigal. "The response from the community has been amazing."

McGonigal's sister business, Park Avenue Wine Bar & Merchant, is getting ready for its grand opening April 1.

Did You Know...

The Village of Barrington is home to the largest residential historic district in the State of Illinois?



Calendar OF EVENTS

April 2–3

**Breakfast & Visits with the
Easter Bunny**

Ice House Mall & Shops
Call 847-382-5020.

April 22–25

Barrington Antique & Garden Show

Ice House Mall & Shops
Call 847-756-4174.

April 24

1940s Radio Review, 7:00 pm

Barrington Park Dist., Barrington Room
Call 847-381-0687.

May 29–30

Barrington Art Festival

Cook & Station Streets
Call 847-304-3400.

May 31

Memorial Day Parade, 10:00am

Downtown Barrington
Call 847-304-3400.

June 12

**Barrington Day
at the Schaumburg Flyers**

Schaumburg Flyers Stadium
Call 847-891-2255.

July 3

Independence Day Parade, 10:00am

Downtown Barrington
Call 847-304-3400.



Art Festival Returns to Barrington

May 29–30, 2010 (Memorial Day weekend) – 10:00am–5:00pm

Make plans now to stroll downtown this Memorial Day weekend when the annual Art Festival returns to Barrington! The festival is FREE and open to the public, offering the work of 140 juried artists from around the world in a variety of mediums, including ceramics, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, photography, watercolors, wood, and more.

Sponsored by the Village of Barrington and the Barrington Cultural Commission and produced by Amdur Productions, the festival will also feature live music, activities for kids, and wonderful opportunities to shop, dine, and play in our Village Center.

"We are so thrilled to have the Art Festival returning to Barrington," said Anne Garrette, the Village's Marketing and Events Coordinator. "It's going to be a great way to kick off the summer in Barrington!"

Free parking is available in the commuter lots during the two-day festival. For more information, go to www.barrington-il.gov.



Barrington Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 31, 2010 – 10:00am

The Barrington Memorial Day Parade and services will be held Monday, May 31, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the corner of Cook and Main Streets, heading west on Main Street. Join our local veterans on this special day to commemorate U.S. men and women who died while in military service to their country. Unite with friends and neighbors for this solemn occasion.

MARK THE JULY 3 DATE: Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 3, 2010–10:00am

It's an annual Barrington tradition! Each year our community comes out in full force to celebrate Independence Day during the parade down Main Street.

This year the parade will be held on Saturday, July 3 at 10:00am. The theme is "Spirit of Caring," which encourages participants to reflect how they care for our citizens by showing their generous spirits in their parade entry. In addition to the actual parade, the committee will host an essay contest for area school children and a food drive along the parade route. All donations will be given to the Barrington and Cuba Township food pantries to benefit local neighbors in need.

Applications to enter the parade, as well as the essay contest, are now available at www.barringtonparade.com.

*A message from Karen Darch,
the President of the
Village of Barrington*



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

PUBLIC MEETINGS

APRIL

02	Fire & Police Commission	9:00 am
05	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
06	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 pm
07	Cultural Commission	Noon
08	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
12	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
12	Board of Trustees	8:00 pm
13	Plan Commission	7:00 pm
14	Sesquicentennial Committee	6:00 pm
21	Ethics Board	6:30 pm
22	Architectural Review	7:00 pm
26	Committee of the Whole	6:00 pm
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27	Architectural Review	7:00 pm

Call 847-304-3400 for more information.

Mail Your 2010 Census

If you haven't already mailed your Census form back, please do so right away. The census information helps determine how more than \$400 billion of federal funding each year is spent on infrastructure and services like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, public-works projects, and emergency services. This data also affects the number of seats each state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. "We can't move forward until you mail it back!"

Our Civic Duty

Every time someone mentions the word "Springfield," most of us let out a groan. It's hard to take our politicians seriously when often it seems that they receive more attention for everything but passing a bill.

But I'd like to tell you that our politicians in Springfield are actually passing legislation, and most of it is happening out of the spotlight that shines on all the scandals and political arm-twisting.

In my role as your Village President, I travel to Springfield on occasion when the legislature is in session, in order to make sure that the needs of our Village are being taken seriously in the state capital. This year, I've been going a little more often than usual, as municipalities statewide are asking the legislature to reform the public safety pension funds, which are controlled by state law but funded by the municipalities." We passed a referendum on this issue in February; 87% of voters indicated that we need reform.

I go to Springfield because I've learned that if no one pays attention, our lawmakers in Springfield simply go about their business, and often we have no idea what laws are being passed, or what they will mean for us here in Barrington.

I'd like to ask each of you, our residents, to pay attention to the legislation that is currently on the table in Springfield. This legislation has a direct impact on our government and our lives here in Barrington. Some particular issues you might want to learn more about are:

- The current state budget
- Pension reform bills HB5297 and SB2574
- Video gaming legislation

You can find out more about each of these topics by going to the Illinois Municipal League web site at www.iml.org or the League of Women Voters of Illinois at www.lwvil.org. You can also find contact information for your legislators through these sites. I encourage you to contact your state representatives. They do listen to what their voters say, and your opinions do matter.

Please do your civic duty and become engaged. When you do, we all benefit!

Karen Darch
President, Village of Barrington

Get contact information for your legislators and learn about legislation that impacts Barrington

Illinois Municipal League
www.iml.org

League of Women Voters of Illinois
www.lwvil.org

**Don't miss the Town Hall Meeting
on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00pm**

Village News & Economic Development

New Businesses Continue to Open in Barrington

Despite one of the worst economic periods in recent history, the Village of Barrington is pleased to note that new businesses, shops, restaurants, and organizations continue to open in Barrington. The entrepreneurial spirit of the residents and businesspeople in our community has come alive as opportunities for growth continue.

In 2009, Barrington saw 30 new businesses open and 4 businesses relocate in the Village. In order to get a true sense of our retail and office space picture, last year the Village's Economic & Community Development Department, using a "full circle grant," had two interns inventory our commercial space. Six hundred and ninety commercial enterprises were interviewed. With 95% of those businesses reporting, we found that they occupy over 2.7 million square feet – 368 office units, 163 service businesses, 117 retailers, and 40 restaurants. There are also 8,654 employees working in those businesses in the Village. We are experiencing an overall vacancy rate of 13%, which is consistent with what other suburban communities are facing today – and most of that vacancy is in the office sector. Our retail vacancy rate is a low 6%.

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Hough/Main Development Update

The redevelopment of the Hough/Main site continues to move forward. This site encompasses the southwest corner of Hough and Main Streets. The Village issued an Invitation to Submit Qualifications from development teams in January 2010. Five proposals that meet the Village's criteria have been received to date. The Village is pleased with the interest in the site and is looking forward to reviewing the development teams' qualifications.

Hart Road Project Update

Phase I engineering for the Hart Road improvement project to expand the intersection, including the addition of new left-turn lanes, should be completed late this year. The project is currently scheduled to be constructed in 2016.

Shops at Flint Creek Bridge

Installation of new bridge between the Shops at Flint Creek and Langendorf Park has been completed. Later this spring, the connecting path from the bridge will be installed in order to provide access from the shopping center into the park and to the bike path that connects to the high school.

Village Employee Spotlight on... MIKE SZYMANSKI

Supervisor, Property Maintenance and Forestry Divisions

Barrington is proud of its dedicated employees who continue to provide our residents with great service year after year. This new monthly feature will highlight one of our employees in order to help our residents better understand the services we provide and who is providing them.

Caring For Our Trees

Mike Szymanski has been with the Village of Barrington for 24 years. He is the Supervisor of the Property Maintenance & Forestry Divisions; he and his crew are responsible for the maintenance of five municipal buildings, over 60 acres of right-of-way and more than 8,000 parkway trees. During each of the 24 years of Mike's tenure, Barrington has been recognized as a "Tree City USA."

Mike's favorite part of his job is forestry maintenance and all that goes with it. He says, "I am blessed with a part-time crew of six who are some of the hardest-working and talented individuals I have had the pleasure to work with anywhere." He notes that Barrington is "uniquely beautiful, and the mature trees are an integral part of its beauty." He sincerely enjoys being a part of preserving these natural resources. Mike is most proud of the great advances that have been made over the years in tree preservation.

Mike has lived or worked in Barrington his entire life and says, "It really is like working at home."

Village News You Can Use

CN Trains Update

The Village of Barrington continues to fight the decision by the Surface Transportation Board to approve the purchase of the EJ&E railroad by the Canadian National (CN) Railroad. The issue is now with the U.S. Appellate Court, with briefing occurring this spring and summer. While awaiting the appeal outcome, the Village is working to obtain grade separation funds.

While residents may have only seen a marginal increase in CN rail traffic to date, they should expect more to come. The economic downturn has slowed CN's need to move rail traffic along this line, but in the near future additional trains will be coming through. The traffic will build slowly for the next three years up to a projected 20 freight trains per day.

Go to www.fightrailcongestion.com to learn more and find out how you can contact your representatives to let them know how you feel about this issue.

Stay Downtown and Park Overnight in the Commuter Lot

Are you taking the train and spending the night downtown? By purchasing an Overnight Parking Permit in advance, you can park overnight in the Commuter Lot. In addition, the Commuter Lot parking is FREE on weekday evenings from 5:00pm until 2:00am and weekends all day and evening, until 2:00am.

For a detailed map of approved parking locations, please visit the Village's website at www.barrington-il.gov. Purchase an Overnight Parking Permit at either the Village Hall (8:00am to 4:30pm) or the Police Department (7:00am to 11:00pm). Some restrictions apply when snowfall exceeds 4".

Free Wood Chips Available



Why pay for mulch when you can get free wood chips from the Village? Stop by the Public Works facility on Raymond Avenue starting April 15.



Photo: Thomas Balsamo

*From the desk of Jeff Lawler,
Village Manager*

Being Fiscally Responsible

The past 18 months have been a difficult time for many individuals, companies, and local governments. In order to be fiscally responsible, the Village has needed to cut expenditures to live within our means; in fact this has required us to lay off 13 employees. We have tried to do so in a thoughtful manner that has the least impact on the services provided to residents.

At the same time, we have looked for opportunities to improve the efficiency of Village operations and to encourage interest in Barrington as the place to open a business. We have had some success, but we continue to seek more.

The Village continues to maintain the infrastructure to provide safe roads and reliable utilities. The roadways and the water and sewer system will only cost more tomorrow if not properly maintained today. Due to the economy, we have received lower prices for needed projects, which will keep us on our maintenance schedule at favorable cost.

We continue to look at ways to more effectively communicate with residents. Over the next several months, you will begin to see changes in many things, including this newsletter (as you can see), and our web site. In addition, we are hosting Town Hall meetings regularly to provide information and listen to the comments of residents. We're even on Facebook!

We believe that the effort to remain fiscally sound, to seek efficiencies, and to improve communication not only helps the Village today, but positions the Village very well for the future. As always, I encourage you to contact me directly and provide feedback or ask questions. I can be reached at jlawler@barrington-il.gov or 847-304-3400.

Keeping Barrington Green and Beautiful

Barrington Rid Litter Day

Saturday, April 24

President Darch has proclaimed Saturday, April 24 as "Rid Litter" Day in Barrington and is inviting the entire community to join in this effort to beautify our community. Individuals and groups (scouts, school clubs, homeowner associations, etc.)



are encouraged to walk their neighborhoods "bag in hand" and pick up debris that may have accumulated in Village rights-of-way over the winter months. For some, this might be the day for individual or group efforts in planting flowers in front yards that beautify our streets and neighborhoods. Gar-

bage bags and other tools to assist you in your efforts will be available at Village Hall, 200 S. Hough Street from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

Elementary Arbor Day Celebration

Friday, April 30

In celebration of Arbor Day on Friday, April 30, Commonwealth Edison will donate trees to be planted at area grade schools. The Council of Garden Clubs & The Barrington Garden Club are providing tree saplings to be distributed to all 4th grade students as part of the Arbor Day celebration. Students will learn how trees produce food energy for people and wildlife, how properly selected and planted trees conserve energy, and much more.

Barrington Named "Tree City USA" for 24th Consecutive Year

Barrington is proud to be named a "Tree City USA" for the 24th consecutive year. The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters, provides direction, technical assistance, public attention, and national recognition for urban and community forestry programs in thousands of towns and cities that more than 135 million Americans call home. The many benefits of being a Tree City include creating a framework for action, education, a positive public image, and citizen pride.



Spring Clean-Up Time is Here

With springtime upon us again, it's time to clean up the outside of our properties and attend to property maintenance issues. The Village has a Property Maintenance Code to help ensure the high quality of life for you, your neighbors, and all of us in the Village. Here are some tips to keep in mind as the weather improves and we return to the outdoors:

1. Grass and weed growth may not exceed 10 inches in height
2. No inoperative, unlicensed, or unregistered motor vehicles may be kept outside, nor may they be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped
3. Boats, trailers, recreational vehicles may be kept on driveways for 48 hours only
4. Exterior surfaces must be kept free of loose and peeling paint
5. Wood exterior surfaces must be kept free of rot and decay
6. Window and door screens must be kept in good repair
7. Exterior property and premises must be kept free from any accumulation of rubbish, garbage, and debris
8. Trash containers must be maintained with lids and properly placed on your property and not within required setbacks
9. Sump pump discharge outlets must be kept a minimum of 10 feet from the property line

Also remember to clean up after your pets on both public and private property. For more information regarding property maintenance, please call 847-304-3460. Abiding by these simple rules helps to make Barrington a great place to live, work, and play!

April Showers Bring...

May (and June and July) flowers

Enjoy these lovely springtime photos from local Barrington photographer Bob Lee.



Cultural and Community News

On this page, we offer cultural and community events and news. Please note that these items are not sponsored by the Village of Barrington and are published in the newsletter on a first-come, first-served basis.

Breakfast & Visits with the Easter Bunny

April 2–3

Ice House Mall & Shops

Visit the Easter Bunny and have your photo taken at the Ice House Mall on Friday, April 2 (10:00am–2:00pm) and Saturday, April 3 (Noon–2:00pm). Also, have Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 111 Grille on Saturday, April 3, from 9:00–11:30am. Call 847-382-5020 for breakfast reservations.

Art Exhibition by Frank Tumino and Dianne Martia

April 5–July 12

Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center

Presented by the Northwest Cultural Council.

Gouache and mixed media paintings by Frank Tumino and mixed media paintings by Dianne Martia will be on display at the Advocate Good Shepherd Health & Fitness Center through July 12th. The public is welcome and there is no admission fee. For more information, call 847-382-6922.

The Barrington Historical Society Presents: Lee and Grant

April 6–May 25

Barrington Historical Society

This special exhibit encourages audiences to move beyond the traditional mythology of Lee and Grant, and to reassess them within the context of their own time and in their own words. The exhibition was organized by the Virginia Historical Society and is toured by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Call 847-381-1730 for more information.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

April 6–May 11

Barrington High School

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is designed for the nonprofessional caregiver who is helping to care for a parent, spouse, or friend who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country. Suggested donation is \$30 per person. For more information call BACOA at 847-381-5030.

Safety Town Registration

Saturday, April 10

Barrington Public Safety Building

Registration begins April 10 for Barrington Junior Women's Club (BJWC) 2010 Safety Town. Children entering kindergarten or first grade who have not previously participated are eligible. Registration will be held at the Barrington Public Safety Facility. Call 847-622-3838 for more information.



Lyrical Springtime Brunch

Sunday, April 18, 2:00pm

Wynstone Golf Club

The Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago welcomes members and guests for soprano Jean Marie Garofolo, one of the opera world's upcoming stars. Call 847-304-0422 for information.

BACOA offers AARP Income Tax Assistance

A trained AARP volunteer will assist seniors with their taxes at the BACOA office in the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100. Assistance is by appointment only through April 13 and is limited to seniors over 55 with income below \$60,000 and to disabled persons of any age. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call BACOA at 847-381-5030.

Barrington Antique & Garden Show

April 22–25

Ice House Mall & Shops

The Barrington Antique and Garden Show runs from Thursday, April 22 through Sunday, April 25, and is presented by Tivoli Garden Antiques, a Barrington antique dealer. The antique show will feature local and regional antique dealers who will display unique merchandise. Everything from household furniture, accessories, outdoor furniture, garden iron pieces, benches, to bird baths and vintage clothing and jewelry will be available. For more information contact Tivoli Gardens at 847-756-4174.

1940s Radio Review

Saturday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.,

Barrington Park Dist., Barrington Room

Re-live the golden age of radio! Come see a live performance of the much-loved radio programs of Jack Benny and Burns & Allen, complete with music, sound effects, commercials and period costumes — all in the old-time style. Presented by RG Productions, an award-winning radio-theater group, and the BCAC.

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!
Barrington Night Out at the Schaumburg Flyers
Saturday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Schaumburg Flyers will take on the Winnipeg Goldeyes. Tickets are 20% off for Barrington residents. Go to www.flyersbaseball.com (offer code: bton612) or call 847-891-2255.



Photo: Bob Milkovich

Did You Know?

The Village recently improved its bond rating two levels to AA+, which is just one level below the highest possible rating of AAA.

Village Vision

The vision of Barrington is to preserve and promote its unique small-town heritage, preserve its distinct ecological and historical character, provide a moral and safe environment, maintain a high quality of life through the efficient use of community resources, and respond to future challenges through citizen participation in all civic, social and cultural endeavors.

2010 ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is planning to repave Route 59 from the Metra/Union Pacific Railroad tracks north to Route 22 with a projected start date of April 12. The project has a 3-month contract deadline.

The Village will be repaving Dundee Avenue from Main Street to Route 59 via a state contract with ARRA stimulus funding, with a projected start date of May 1. The project has a 2-month contract deadline.

Lake County DOT will be paving Ela Road north of Main Street on the east edge of town; they are anticipating starting after the IDOT contract is completed on Route 59.

Village Wins Prestigious Finance Awards

On March 15, the Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA) presented the Village of Barrington with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The awards are given to municipalities that meet the highest standards for their budget document and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Barrington has earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the previous 27 years and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the previous 8 years.

"This continued achievement demonstrates the Village's sustained commitment to reporting the financial result of its operations to the highest standards of integrity and clarity," said Village Manager Jeff Lawler.

The Village Board and Village Manager commend the staff responsible for the continued achievement of these awards year after year, including Jason Hayden, the current Director of Community and Financial Services, as well as his predecessor, Maggie Bosley. In addition, the Assistant Director of the Department Allison Chmelik, a Barrington resident, and the Accountant, Heather McGovern, were instrumental in the process of creating these documents and receiving these awards.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.



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